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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 05 APRIL 2017. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 12 APRIL 2017.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):

The sea-ice edge is expected to remain within 120 nautical miles of the Labrador Coast with many icebergs embedded inside of the pack ice. Icebergs are expected to continue drifting southward. Recent IIP reconnaissance outside of the Strait of Belle Isle and inside Gulf of St. Lawrence located 93 icebergs. These and many more icebergs are expected to drift into the Strait of Belle Isle with forecasted northeasterly winds early in the period.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

Cold temperatures and persistent, strong northerly winds caused sea-ice expansion south and east through to near 46°N. These conditions also brought significant numbers of icebergs into Flemish Pass. During the last week of March, three icebergs were detected outside of IIP's published Iceberg Limit. While sea ice is forecasted to contract and recede to the north, hundreds of icebergs are expected to continue drifting the Flemish Pass expanding the Iceberg Limit southward. The Southern Iceberg Limit will reach near 42°N close to the mid-April median Iceberg Limit (dashed line) while the Eastern Iceberg Limit is expected to remain inside of the mid-April median over the next seven days.

As of 04 April 2017, 455 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes. On average, 83 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of March based on data collected between 1900 and 2016.

